

1 District Judge Jamal N. Whitehead
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

9 MARIAM HUSSEIN MUGWAHEZA,

Case No. 2:23-cv-01329-JNW

10 Plaintiff,

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND
~~[PROPOSED]~~ ORDER

11 v.

12 UR M. JADDOU, *et al.*,

Noted for Consideration:
February 23, 2024

13 Defendants.

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15 Plaintiff brought this litigation pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act seeking, *inter*
16 *alia*, to compel the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) adjudicate her Form
17 I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal. This case is currently stayed
18 through February 27, 2024. Dkt. No. 6. The parties continue to work towards a resolution to this
19 litigation. For good cause, the parties request that the Court continue to hold the case in abeyance
20 until April 12, 2024.

21 Courts have “broad discretion” to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706
22 (1997). “[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to
23 control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for

1 counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ.
2 P. 1.

3 With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial
4 intervention. Since the parties’ last filing, USCIS interviewed Plaintiff in November. However,
5 USCIS has scheduled Plaintiff for a reinterview on March 13, 2024. Plaintiff will submit all
6 supplemental documents and evidence, if any, to USCIS seven to ten days prior to the reinterview
7 date. After the interview, USCIS will need time to adjudicate her asylum application. Once the
8 application is adjudicated, Plaintiff will dismiss the case with each party to bear their own litigation
9 costs and attorneys’ fees. Accordingly, the parties request this abeyance to allow USCIS to
10 conduct Plaintiff’s asylum reinterview and then process her asylum application.

11 As additional time is necessary for this to occur, the parties request that the Court continue
12 to hold the case in abeyance until April 12, 2024. The parties will submit a joint status report on
13 or before April 12, 2024.

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1 DATED this 23rd day of February, 2024.

2 Respectfully submitted,

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12 ***I certify that this memorandum contains 298
words, in compliance with the Local Civil
Rules.***

1 **[PROPOSED] ORDER**

2 The case is held in abeyance until April 12, 2024. The parties shall submit a joint status
3 report on or before April 12, 2024. It is so **ORDERED**.

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5 DATED this 6th day of March, 2024.

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7 Jamal N. Whitehead
8 United States District Judge

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